

### REMARKS

The Official Action dated November 25, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully noted. In view thereof, claim 1 has been amended in order to better define that which Applicants regard as the invention and new claim 8 has been added. No new matter has been introduced. Consequently, claims 1-8 are presently pending in the instant application with claim 1 being independent.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the objections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that the reissue declaration be reviewed and accepted by the Examiner, that claims 1-8 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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